

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

a1 ~~An ECU is equipped with engine control microcomputer for~~
executing engine control and a throttle control microcomputer
for executing throttle control. The engine control
microcomputer is programmed to execute a monitor program. A
timer equipped in the engine control microcomputer is set with
a predetermined time each time when the monitor program is
executed normally. The timer switches automatically its
output logic level of a port from high to low, when the time
count reaches zero. When the output logic level is switched
to low, a throttle motor is disabled to drive a throttle

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